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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING, NEW DELHI

REF: USUN NEW YORK 5938 (NOTAL)

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE CURRENT-
LY SCHEDULED TO MEET IN NEW DELHI MARCH 23-28, 1977.
THIS MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED BY A MEETING OF (QUOTE)
SENIOR OFFICIALS (UNQUOTE) BEGINNING ON MARCH 19. THERE
HAVE BEEN SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS'
MEETING MIGHT BE MOVED UP TO VERY EARLY MARCH IN ORDER TO
PRECEDE UNCTAD NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE OF A COMMON FUND
FOR COMMODITIES BEGINNING MARCH 7 IN GENEVA. HOW-
EVER, THIS CHANGE OF DATES AT PRESENT APPEARS TO BE AN
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OUTSIDE CHANCE ONLY.

2. WE HOPE TO MONITOR THIS MEETING MUCH AS WE DID LAST
NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN ALGIERS IN MAY 1976.
DEPARTMENT WILL BE INTERESTED IN REPORTING ON BOTH SUB-
STANTIVE ISSUES DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE, AND THE INTER-
NATIONAL DYNAMICS OF THE NAM INCLUDING INTERNAL FRICTIONS,

LONG TERM STRATEGY, AND RELATIONS WITH THE G-77. ON LATTER,

WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN RELATIONSHIPS AMONG PRESENT NAM LEADERSHIP TRIUMVIRATE OF YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA AND SRI LANKA; RELATIONSHIPS AMONG MEMBERS OF NEWLY EXPANDED NACC, AND IN PARTICULAR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE NEW MEMBERS. (NEW MEMBERS ARE ANGOLA, BANGLADESH, BOTSWANA, CHAD, GUINEA, INDONESIA, IRAQ, JAMAICA, NIGER, NIGERIA, PLO, SUDAN, VIET NAM, AND ZAMBIA.) WE WILL ALSO WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ANY DECISION ON THE VENUE OF THE 1978 FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING. ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN NAM'S PLANS FOR SUCH MEETINGS AS CIEC AND RESUMED 31ST UNGA SESSION ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, AS WELL AS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS SUCH AS DEBT, COMMODITIES, OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND OTHERS. WE WILL ALSO NEED TO HAVE THE USUAL FULL COVERAGE OF THE NAM'S STANCE ON POLITICAL ISSUES PARTICULARLY KOREA, PUERTO RICO, MIDDLE EAST, AND GUAM. FURTHER DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON REPORTING WILL BE SENT LATER.

3. IN ADDITION TO FULL REPORTING ON THESE SUBJECTS, WE WILL ALSO NEED TRANSMISSION BY CABLE OF VERBATIM TEXTS OF PORTIONS OF DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS AT THE CONFERENCE. RECOGNIZE THAT THIS AND THE FLOW OF REPORTING WILL INCREASE BURDEN ON EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES.

4. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THESE REQUIREMENTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF THE PRINCIPAL EMBASSY OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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COVER THE MEETING.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO LIKE EARLY REPORTING ON GOI PLANS FOR HANDLING THE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING EARLIEST POSSIBLE CLARIFICATION OF DATES, AND ON GOI'S VIEWS ON PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE CONFERENCE.

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